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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE DOMESTIC COUNCIL DRUG REVIEW TASK
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1. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS MAY PROVE HELPFUL AS YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL DRUG REVIEW TASK FORCE.

2. CURRENT US POLICY CONCENTRATES ON DEVELOPING THE ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES OF PRODUCER COUNTRIES. THIS APPROACH IS LOGICAL, NECESSARY, AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED. SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN, HOWEVER, TO MODIFYING OUR CURRENT PROGRAM SO AS TO DEVOTE MORE TIME AND EFFORT TO OVERSEAS COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN EDUCATION, REHABILITATION, AND RESEARCH. SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS OUTLINED IN STATE 254205 AND RECEIVED OUR ENDORSEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (BONN'S A-12, JAN. 16, 1975). WE WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT A LACK OF FUNDS PREVENTED US FROM PURSUING SUCH A CONCEPT WITH THE FRG, ALTHOUGH BONN'S A-114, MARCH 18, 1975 SUGGESTED A LOW-COST ALTERNATIVE. DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ASPECT OF DRUG CONTROL WORK WOULD HELP TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES, RATHER THAN THE SYMPTOMS,

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OF DRUG ABUSE.

3. THE TASK FORCE MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER BROADEN-
ING THE SCOPE OF THE US OVERSEAS DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM
TO INCLUDE ALCOHOLISM. THE EMBASSY'S APPROACH TO THE
PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE SEEMS TO SEVERAL FRG OFFICIALS TO
BE SELF-SERVING IN THAT WE ARE ONLY AUTHORIZED TO
DEVELOP "HARD" DRUG PROGRAMS. THE FRG (AND PERHAPS
OTHER COUNTRIES); VIEWS THE DRUG PICTURE AS INCLUDING
ALCOHOL; IS DEVELOPING PROGRAMS WHICH INCLUDE ALCOHOL
CONTROL; AND WOULD BE MORE THAN PLEASED TO WORK WITH
THE US IN THIS AREA. THE WILLINGNESS OF THE US TO PAR-
TICIPATE IN ELIMINATING WHAT THE FRG VIEWS AS THE
TOTALITY OF THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY
ENHANCE OVER-ALL US-FRG DRUG ABUSE CONTROL CONTACTS AND
COOPERATION.
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